

HAUNT OF BLACKBEARD

Cave on Wormley's Creek
Where He Hid Himself.

MELON CROP NOT GOOD

York County Fishermen Complain of a
Poor Run This Season—Crazy Ne-
gro Fires at Telephone Wires.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

YORKTOWN, VA., August 1.—Black-
beard, the famous buccaner of the lat-
ter part of the eighteenth century, who
ranged the eastern coasts of Virginia
and North Carolina, is supposed to have
had a stronghold in this vicinity. On
the southern boundary of Temple Farm,
washed by the waters of Wormley's
Creek, is the remains of a cave, which,
traditions says, was a hiding place for
the most infamous law-breaker of recent
times.

Up to within the last year or two this
cave had two apartments or rooms, but
the heavy tides and fierce gales of the
past two winters have played havoc with
them and reduced their identity to mere
holes in the bank. The selection of this
remote spot by the audacious pirate was
suggestive of the genius displayed in his
past life.

Wormley's Creek is a beautiful, deep,
but narrow, estuary of the York River,
forming a classic indentation of its south-
ern shore. About half a mile from its
mouth, hidden in the dense foliage of the
banks, but with an unobstructed view
of the whole water-course, as well as
the parent stream, for miles each way,
is found this den of Edward Teach,
there, secure from an enemy's move-
ments without being the least exposed,
the man-demon made the cave an occa-
sional retreat, while spying out the ob-
jects of his intended wrath and destined
as spoils for his headquarters on the
Tasmanian.

Bold beyond conception, intrepid to the
extent of death itself, wary as a fox,
audacious as the proverbial hen-bawd,
this bold buccaner of the silver bring
conducted at this spot a secret service
of his own in watching the ships of his
revenge, which discharged and loaded
new cargoes at the port of Yorktown,
the largest port of entry in the new
world, and the chief shipping point on the
Western Hemisphere.

Legendary or solid fact, there is never-
theless a delightful tinge of romance
which thrills the one who beholds this
secluded den, and if the slender of night
he might see, well imagine the ghost
of the Blackbeard of old, of wicked mind
and blazing eye, steal forth to once again
run his homicidal over the horizon before
sinking to eternal rest.

MELON CROP.
The first shipments of watermelons and
"lopes" have gone to market this week,
the invoices forwarded being quite small,
in the immediate neighborhood water-
melons have been a decided failure, many
men who usually make large crops buy-
ing none at all, destroyed by various ad-
verse conditions. Only one farmer, as
far as learned, in this immediate vicinity,
has any crop worth speaking of.

The Hampton Roads Yacht Club, num-
bering a dozen or more small craft, were
visitors here the past Sunday, spending
the larger portion of the day on the
Saturday and in viewing the historic remains
or enjoying the delights of a spin over
the bosom of "the noble York." Several
ladies were among the guests of the club
while here.

Picnicking sport, indulged in and en-
joyed by the summer tourist, is up to its
average, but as viewed by the men who
follow it for a business is reported a de-
cided fiasco. Bluefish and other varieties
of the finny tribe at this season afford
quite a remunerative occupation, the fish
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THE BLUEJAY IS TRICKY

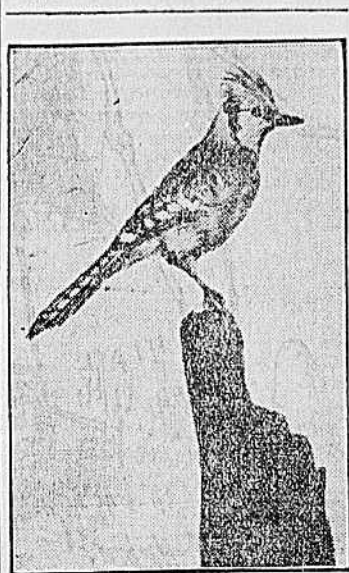
The Noisiest Creature Known
to Ornithology.

DOINGS OF ROBIN FAMILY

Nestlings Launched, Father Helping
Two Strongest, Mother Three
Weaklings—Albino Birds Are
Ostracized.

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logists' Union.)

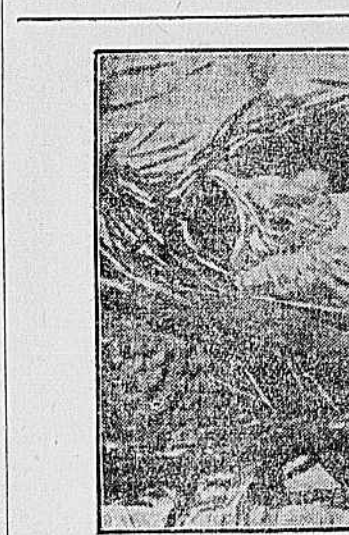
WHEN it comes to a question
of intelligence, the Corvidae
family, to which belong the
crow and the bluejay, must
be accorded the first rank. These birds
have practically an exhaustless vocabu-
lary, and their characters are as many



Bluejay (Cyanocitta cristata). This is
a bird of brain, but withal he is much
of a trickster and something of a thief.

sided as that of Reynard, the fox, which
is saying much.

The bird lover who would get anything
like an adequate knowledge of the blue-
jay should live in the middle West. For
some reason or other, known to his Jay-
sible alone, the Eastern bird is of rather
a retiring disposition, keeping away from



"The last to leave." Young robin in nest
in pine tree. Photographed from life.

man and his haunts, or, if approaching
them, doing it stealthily and with much
the air of a thief. The Jay is a thief,
and his manner in the East fits his call-
ing. All through the middle western
country the bluejay is a bird of the
doorest. He is saucy and bold, and ap-
parently is unaware of the fact that his
brilliant plumage makes him an easy
mark for boys' target rifles and sling-
shots.

It is the very commonness of the blue-
jay in the cities and villages of the Mis-
sissippi Valley which is his greatest
protection. Familiarity with the bird
breeds contempt in the small boy, and,
with the English sparrow, is left sepa-
rately alone. The bluejay nests in the
trees in the dooryard, steals things from
the household and carries on war with
the family cat.

It is hard to determine just how much
damage the bluejay does by pilfering the
eggs and murdering the young of the
song birds. The difficulty in determining
the damage arises from the fact that the
Jay is "bad in streak" and never desert
him in a single deprecation, but turn your
back and there is no certainty but that
the next moment he may be dining from
the new laid eggs of the robin or tossing
the young of the chipping sparrow from
their half-finished nest to their deaths on
the ground below.

A BLUEJAY FEAST.

From the standpoint of amusement
there is more fun in watching a bluejay
than in the observation of a score of his
sweeter voiced comrades of the field. A
German living in a suburb of Chicago
made some soap for home consumption.
He patted it nicely into cakes and placed
them on a board in the yard to harden.
The suburb is called Highland Park—
is about as full of bluejays as it can be
and still leave room for other bird fam-
ilies. When the German put his soap out
all the bluejays of the neighborhood de-
scended upon it. They ate soap for an
hour, and the wonder still is that they
did not die, but the diet did not seem to
interfere with their digestion in the least.

When the owner of the soap found the
theft, he was at their work he repeated
the soap of the cakes, added some
more material, and again put the soap
out to harden. This time he placed the
board which held the cakes upon two
barrels and mounted guard at some little
distance to keep the jays away. They re-
turned to their feast in a few minutes,
and the angered soap maker, who was
only a few yards distant, threw a cob-
ble stone at them. The jays fled, but the
heavy stone striking one end of the board

turned it over and pitched all the soap
cakes into a box of soft cement.

The foreigner doesn't take kindly to the
ways of the American bluejay. As has
been said bluejays are thick in the sub-
urbs of Highland Park. An Englishman
living in the place had some gooseberry
bushes, which bore berries of extraordi-
nary size and sweetness. The owner of
the fruit declared that the bluejays ate
them, and he was threatened with the
destruction of several of the birds. The
law in Illinois protects the bird, and
there is a section of the statute which
gives the right to kill birds which are
preying on the crops. Friends of the
bluejays said that the birds wouldn't eat
gooseberries, and there was a prosecution
started against the Englishman for kill-
ing them. The case was decided finally
in his favor, and while scientists and bird
lovers may hold otherwise the bluejay
now appears in a "prejudicial case" as be-
ing a gooseberry gourmand.

AN ALTERCATION.

The bluejay is perhaps the noisiest crea-
ture known to ornithology, though it
is dangerous to maintain a pair of
bluejays who were building a nest in a
stunted pine tree. The two birds left
the home site and disappeared behind a
close board fence. In a moment a loud
rattle, as if every nerve known to the Jay
jargon came rapidly from behind the
fence. The noise continued for several
minutes, and then, going to a point to
the right, the birds peered over the
fence. The two birds were on an ash
pile in the alley and between them lay
an extremely dirty paper collar. There
was little question in my mind but that
they were disputing over the collar, and
that they were disputing over the collar.
They scolded back and forth for some
time, but Mrs. Jay finally ended the
matter by seizing the collar and taking
it to the nest where, after much diffi-
culty, one end of it was woven into the
structure, while the other end was left
to flap with each passing breeze, making
the home in the pine tree a conspicuous
object to every passer.

The Jay has a pertinacity that in some
cases might be commendable. After the
pine tree nest was completed and the
eggs were laid the mother bird began sit-
ting. There should have been young in
the nest at the end of two weeks, but no
young came. The bird sat steadily, with
the exception of the time when she gave up
hope of offspring. After they had de-
serted the nest I examined the eggs. Each
had a little dried-up kernel inside that
rolled about like a pea.

THERE ARE WHITE CROWS.

Albino birds are not of great rarity.
Perhaps it was better to say that birds
of pure white are not rare. A pure white
crow was recently in the possession of
Animal Keeper De Vry of the Lincoln
Park Zoo, Chicago. Ruthven Deane, a
fellow of the American Ornithologists'
Union, has a mounted crow specimen that
is as white as the petals of a syringa
blossom.

There came under my personal obser-
vation a crow which had a large white
patch in the center of its otherwise black
back. I saw this bird on different occasions
during two years. Save once it was always
alone, and at the time marking the excep-
tion its company was a flock of its fel-
lows, who were chasing it to drive it
away from the neighborhood of their
nest. It is impossible to determine ab-
solutely what the reason for the crow's
persecution was, but of course everything
points to the circumstances of its white
back as the real cause of the trouble.

The bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*)
has been painted part white by nature,
but I once found a bobolink that was pure
white, having two black streaks on his
breast. It has been supposed that "freak"
birds have some difficulty in procuring
mates, but this white bobolink had a wife
and an interesting family of young. It
may have been nothing but accident, but
the mated pair built their nest in a mea-
dow where there were no other bobolinks,
although the fields across the road were
filled with their brothers and sisters. It
certainly looked like bobolink ostracism.



"The last to leave." Young robin in nest
in pine tree. Photographed from life.

due to the peculiarity of the albino's
feathers.

It happens not infrequently that some
nestling is smaller and weaker than its
brothers and sisters. This is probably
due to constitutional causes, for it is
believed by most scientists and observers
generally that the parent birds feed the
little ones in rotation, and shows no
partiality. I may be of course, that
throughout the more nourishing bits
of food may fall repeatedly to the lot of
two or three of the offspring, while the



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others get the food which has less
strength-giving qualities.

LEAVING THE NEST.

The weakness of the young is almost al-
ways the last to leave the nest. The
parents lead forth the lustier young, but
do not forget the needs of the little one
left behind. There is a story told of a
bird of the neighborhood of the nest and its
brothers and sisters, who are trying their
wings for the first time. The young bird
was on the top of a porch pillar,
recently. Two of the young birds were
much larger and apparently stronger than
the one that was on the pillar. The two
birds were perching on the edge of the

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and gave them lessons in flying.

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female adult robin is marked enough to
make confusion of the sexes in the ob-
server's eye impossible. The father and
mother of that brood divided their du-
ties. Mr. Robin stayed with the two
Robins attended to the nestlings left
behind. These three stayed in the nest for
two days after the departure of their
father which left the nest first, nor did the
father did not visit the nest, nor did the
mother make any attempt to feed the
young which were in the father's care.
When the three little ones finally gained
strength enough to leave the home, they
flew to the same lawn in the home, they
for a week and the division of duty was
maintained by the parent birds. The
father fed the two lusty youngsters,
while the mother looked after the three
weaklings.

The father had much the easier task,
but the mother made no complaint. Was
there not something manlike in the way
in which that male robin partitioned out
the work and something womanlike in
the patience with which the female ro-
bin accepted the dictum of her lord and
master?



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